

ELKO INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER
News Release

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Red House Fires, Update #2

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NEW FIRE STARTS CONTINUE IN ELKO COUNTY

Elko, Nevada – One 4th of July fire is continuing amidst new fires from lightning storm.

The lightning-caused Red House Fire burning in steep terrain about 25 miles northeast of Carlin is still active.

“Fire crews and helicopters worked hard today and the fire is still estimated at 1,500 acres, but is now 70% contained,” said BLM Elko Field Office Fire Operations Supervisor Shane McDonald. “We expect full containment on the Red House Fire Thursday evening. There are about 200 people on the scene now fighting the fire. Fire fighters from the Nevada Division of Forestry, U.S. Forest Service, and BLM responded.”

Wednesday afternoon’s storm through Elko County has left at least three fires in its wake. “We have three confirmed fires in the Beowawe/Crescent Valley area west of Elko right now,” remarked Elko Interagency Dispatch Center Manager Bill Roach. “We have several more reports of smoke that we’re sending engines.”

“The huge amount of dry grass/vegetation from last year and this year has created extreme burning conditions,” continued Roach. “Last week we burned 110,000 acres in four fires in Elko County. It is absolutely critical that people are careful outdoors. We’ve got our hands full with Mother Nature’s fires ... and she doesn’t need any help from people.”

To report wild fires, people should call 775-748-4000, 775-738-**FIRE**, or **911**.

A fire state of emergency was declared in Elko County by the Elko County Commission and a 30-day ban on burn barrels remains in effect.

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